Elizur Wright.

Dear friend,

I want time & I want words to express my deep conviction of the necessity - the absolute necessity of holding up Garrison with a Giant-grasp at this moment - let a
Massachusetts will follow him to the death as long as he will
but you do not seem to have thought it worth while in N. York to notice the conduct of those Iscariots Woodbury & Fitch & co. Trust me my dear friend, you have made a grand mistake; It cannot be surely that you fear to be called a "manworshipper, a Garrisonite." It cannot be that you are deceived by the black hearted Ministry of our country who want to make a stepping stone of his body to save their pride a ~~too~~ sudden descent & who would thrust his hand from the tiller that they might run the vessel into shoal water whence they flatter themselves to leap on shore again. But oh how could you be so blinded to the exact straight course as to leave it to Garrison & Phelps to attack the Theological demon alone! [illegible] & has he not done it nobly! no one

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could have so spoken of himself as the cause of the truth require, who was not sustained by God's _free_ spirit. His letter to Woodbury is a thing that will be hereafter cited as an instance of moral independence — truly wonderful. The causes of this new movement on the part of the foes of God & Man I do not pretend to guess. I neither is there any occasion I should know.

~~My prayer has ever been that the ecclesiastical despotism of this land be abolished at the same stroke that freed the slave & I see now, that without the abolition of the former the latter cannot be.~~ I only see that the present cumberers of the ministerial office have like Bunyans Apollyon taken possession of the pass & we must charge over ~~them~~. Believe me it is of no use for you to try to blink this matter in the Emancipator. ~~What you gain by such a course~~ It is cruel of you to have left Phelps & Garrison to stem this tide alone. The cry of the slave will go up against you if leave such prominent advocates to fight the hottest of the battle out alone. No matter for the malignity they will pour upon us — no matter for the ~~emptying~~ treasury ~~whence~~ from wh. many will cut off the supplies. Better Faith than Money. Better division than

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sympathize. better destitution than to sell our Cause for 30 pieces of silver. & Garrison is the cause at this critical juncture. All who have not strength to stand by him will be driven to yield up it. How often have I held up the executive of the National to the Mass. Abolitionists as a pattern of zeal & faithfulness. God of his infinite mercy grant them grace now to justify my words to resist every temptation — to strip off the angelic disguises which such temptations will assume — to listen to the advice of the church & the ministry & do the direct contrary to what they advise. Why is it that as I write such a sense of your danger in N. York. bursts upon me! I will not ask you to pardon me. I bid you thank me that I am willing to incur the chan of your ill opinion for a moment. I am jealous over you. ~~with a godly jealousy~~ If there be no cause, then "I beseech you call't a virtuous sin."

Your friend for the Slave

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To Elizur Wright
after the 'appeal', .
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M W. Chapman